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BY ACT 32 H. 8. the College have power to choose Four Persons, who after an Oath given have full power to enter the House and Houses of all and every Apothecary within the said City only, and to Search and View their Wares and Drugs, and all such Wares and Drugs as the said Four Persons should find Defective, Corrupted, and not meet to be administered in Medicines for the Health of Mans Body, the same Four Persons calling to them the Wardens of the Mystery of Apothecaries within the said City for the time being, or one of them, shall cause to be Burnt or Destroyed as they shall think meet by their Discretion.

By Statute 1^o Mariæ, intitled *An Act touching the Corporation of Physicians*, which recites the ACT 32 H. 8. enacts that it should be lawful for the Wardens of the Grocers, or one of them, to go with the Physicians in their Search; and if the said Warden or Wardens should refuse or delay his coming forthwith and immediately, when called upon, then the Physicians might execute that Search and View, and the due Punishment of the Apothecaries according to the Statute, without any of the Wardens, any Clause to the contrary notwithstanding.

8.4. The present Bill enacts that the Four Persons chosen or to be chosen Annually by the President and Fellows of the said College, or their Successors for the time being as aforesaid, according to the said Charter, which Four Persons are now commonly called Censors of the said College, or any Three of such Persons so chosen or to be chosen, calling to their Assistance the Wardens of the said Mystery of Apothecaries within the said City of *London*, for the time being, or one of them, shall and may have free and full Power, and lawful Authority from time to time, and at all times hereafter, when and as often as such Censors or any Three of them shall think meet and convenient, at Fit and Seasonable Times in the Day time, to enter into the House, Shop, Cellar, Vault, Workhouse, Warehouse, or other Room or Rooms of the House or Houses of any Apothecary or other Person or Persons who now doth, or hereafter shall keep for Sale, or shall Sell or put to Sale any Medicines, Drugs, Waters, Oils, or Compositions, used or to be used for Medicines within the said City of *London* and Suburbs thereof, or within Seven Miles circuit of the said City; and then and there to search, view, and examine the said Medicines, Drugs, Waters, Oils and Compositions, of such Apothecary, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid; and all such Medicines, Drugs, Waters, Oils and Compositions as the said Censors or any three of them for the Time being.

An Amendment is desired to be added in this Place, viz.

(Together with the said Warden or Wardens)

Upon every such Search, View and Examination, shall find and adjudge to be defective, corrupted or decayed, and not meet to be administered or used in Medicine for the Health of Man's Body, the said Censors or any three of them for the Time being

And the like Amendment here,

(Together with the said Warden or Wardens)

shall and may from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, upon every such Search, View and Examination, take and burn, or otherwise destroy the same, or cause the same to be taken and burnt, or otherwise destroyed.

Note, That by the former Laws they could not proceed unless the four Censors were all present, and yet now when their Limits are increased, and the Persons to be viewed so much more numerous, the Number of Judges are lessened.

That as this present Bill is framed, and they pretend to understand the old Laws, it can't be imagined for what Purpose the Wardens have the Trouble of Attendance, since they have no Power, nor are of any Use, either to the Censors, or the Party viewed.